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"GET-TOGETHER BANQUET" A COMMERCIAL STIMULANT

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET SERVED IN BASEMENT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.—COVERS WERE LAID FOR TWO HUNDRED MEN—STIMULATING EVENT.

GOOD PROGRAM AND ELABORATE MENU

Many Enthusiastic After-Dinner Speeches Made by Prominent State, County and Local Citizens.—Snyder Concert Band Renders Good Music.—Excellent Course Dinner Served by Ladies.

The Chamber of Commerce banquet given here Thursday night in the basement of the Methodist church was one of the biggest industrial-commercial affairs ever pulled off in Snyder.

The arrangements committee have been diligent for several days in perfecting plans for the affair and the program was carried with a number of prominent and strong speakers and the people were well entertained.

The Ladies of the Methodist Missionary Society had charge of the banquet and it was handled with that splendid degree of promptness and success for which these ladies are noted.

Long tables were spread across the hall, beautifully decorated and presenting a general expression of welcome and good cheer.

Covers were laid for two hundred banqueters and when that splendid array of American manhood had gathered at the festal board, there was no longer a doubt to finger, that the social and material possibilities of Snyder and Scurry County are in course of intellectual development and that this gathering marks a distinct epoch in the industrial and commercial history of town and county.

The Chamber of Commerce is a power that no town can afford to ignore. The influence going out from this organization will be seen and felt in future years and posterity will point to last night as a happy event, closely allied with the achievements wrought by the men of 1914, and handed down to them as a cherished heritage.

This banquet comes as the physical utterance of the spirit of progress now taking hold in our community and coming years will mark the fruition of hopes and ambitions that now burn upon altars of years, buoyant in shaping the destiny of this fair city.

The banquet season was regaled with music by Snyder's excellent band and the cadent thrill of conversation and merry laugh of jubilant business men, animated by superb material conditions made it an occasion of joy and gladness.

After assembled in the main of the church while the Snyder Concert Band rendered an program on the lawn.

At 8 o'clock all things turned ready and the band escorted to a special table and seated soft music while the men stretched to their respective places the banquet board.

When all were seated, Mr. J. W. Dugg was called upon for the invocation, following which the feast was commenced, consisting of the six course dinner as announced in the Signal of last week.

President E. J. Anderson of the Chamber of Commerce was Toastmaster for the evening, and in his usual good natured manner, handled the situation to the pleasure of the entire body. He introduced a most interesting talk by calling on Mayor J. Z. Noble, who responded in a delightful manner.

Mr. Dugg was called upon to the platform subject "What?" He responded in a humorous way, somewhat explaining the reasons of the banquet.

Secretary J. P. Chambers followed with a little "bit" at Plattsburg and explained the "Necessity of Organization" and the power of publicity. He also exhibited some illustrations, and concluded with a little financial story, and presented the treasurer of

the ladies society with a Chamber of Commerce check covering the full amount of the banquet expense. This was followed by a brief but beautiful response from Mrs. Robt. H. Curran on the part of the Missionary Society.

Ira was represented on the program by Mr. Horace Holley who is always right then with the goods. This was followed by a talk from Hon. Don H. Higgins of Lubbock. His remarks were appreciated. Dunn was on hand with Mr. J. C. Beasley as representative, together with twelve other loyal citizens of that five locality, while Hensleigh and Plattsburg were represented by prominent citizens.

W. W. Hamilton responded with a most entertaining and flowery discourse, going back to origin of progress and bringing conditions up-to-date, indicating that men, power and progress constituted one thing—and that was a specific goal—all this says Mr. Hamilton, requires effort and optimism, which naturally brings about success in "Commercialism and Progress." He is a fluent speaker and his talks are always appreciated by an attentive audience.

Hon. J. P. Henderson, Commercial Superintendent of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, with headquarters at Fort Worth was the orator of the evening, being the imported speaker of the occasion and he did not disappoint the crowd as he told of the "Growing up of Texas." He is smooth in speech and pleasing to hear, especially owing to the fact that his sympathies are with the people. He believes in encouraging the man who works. He believes in co-operation and organized effort, without which little is accomplished. His ideas are human and he reaches the heart-string of his hearers. His thoughts presented last night were sensible and practical and his commercial knowledge placed him in position to make his hearers feel that he knows what he talks about. His plans of development of state, county and city are based upon honesty, effort, education and commercial progress. Mr. Henderson complimented Snyder, her people and Scurry County's progressive spirit. He complimented the Snyder Concert Band, which supplied music during the evening, stating that he was especially fond of music. He elaborated upon the get-together feeling which prevailed last night. Mr. Henderson touched upon progress, the origin of modern things, of what is today, and what it would have been had not the fertile brain of man supplied plans by which modern methods are put into effect. He concluded with a most interesting humorous story which he applied to West Texas. This excellent talk concluded the evening's program.

Starting Right On New Year. Uncle Jep Brown was a pleasant rather Saturday at the Signal office and attended the U. C. V. meeting Monday. Uncle Jep lives at Dermott and only comes to town on special occasions. While here he played his cash order for the Signal and Dallas News. He said by starting right on New Year, he would be right all the year.

Mr. W. P. Ralston is still at the bedside of her mother at Lumberton. It is learned that Mrs. Consett is still in a serious condition with no indication of improvement.



LEFT—YOSHITO, EMPEROR OF JAPAN Japan has sold Russia large quantities of Mantle and Armo. RIGHT—GENERAL KUTOPATIN, Commander of the Russian forces getting ready to strike in the Balkans.

TREASURY TO BE ON CASH BASIS OLD CONFEDERATE VETERANS ACTIVE

State Treasurer Says Incoming Taxes will Absorb Deficiency and Create Surplus.

Austin, Dec. 29.—State Treasurer Edwards announced today that the state will be again on a cash basis and will be able to pay off all warrants issued against general revenue up to Jan. 1, including the December pay roll of state's employees, not later than Jan. 10, possibly a few days earlier.

When the state treasury closes after tomorrow's business there will be a deficiency of approximately \$50,000 in general revenue. Heavy collections from taxes will be received during the first week of January and Treasurer Edwards estimates there will be at least \$750,000 to the credit of general revenue by Jan. 10.

The state went on a deficiency basis on general revenue on Oct. 11 last.

SCURRY COUNTY WANTS DIRECT MAIL SERVICE

People were in Snyder Monday from Ira and Dunn and said the signal had not come to those towns when they left home Monday morning. The lists for those towns went out from here Friday afternoon and even in the circuitous route ought to have been delivered Saturday morning. In these days of rush and hurry, we ought to have a quicker service and could have if the citizenship of Scurry County had what they are entitled to. The Signal contains matter of interest and business concern every week for the subscribers at Ira and Dunn and with direct route from Snyder to these two towns the paper would reach them on Friday and they would get the county news fresh from the press. As it now is, they can't get it till next day or some times for three days.

Now if every point were not in favor of this mail going out from Snyder instead of from Colorado, we wouldn't so strongly insist, but in this case there is not a line of argument in favor of the Colorado route. Every piece of mail sent out on that route from Colorado is delivered in Scurry county. Then again with the eastern mail coming in by early morning trains it can be turned over here to a star route as early as at Colorado. The people of Snyder and those of the South part of the county have occasion every day for business correspondence and they are often losers because of lack of quick communication. At least 90 per cent of the people want a change in their mail route and they ought to have it.

New Officers Elected. Extend Aid to Suffering Comrade.

Camp Dix-Scurry, United Confederate Veterans met here last Monday afternoon in regular session. In the absence of Commander, Conrad J. T. Hunt was elected to preside over the meeting.

Roll call was answered by 125 members.

It is meeting was the regular time for election of officers and the following were elected:

G. C. Buchanan, commander, J. A. Glen, lieutenant commander, J. B. Hardy, adjutant and treasurer, J. W. Shaw, chaplain, D. P. Lane, color sergeant.

A statement was made to the effect that Dr. J. C. Liggins of El Paso, Texas, a member of John H. Hunt's Texas Brigade, is being recommended for appointment as manager of the Old Soldiers' Home at Austin and this camp unanimously and with enthusiasm adopted a motion instructing the secretary to prepare and transmit a resolution from this camp endorsing Dr. Liggins for the position.

Comrades J. T. Hunt, J. B. McDonald and Brooks made good sensible talks on the value of co-operation of all ex-Confederates in their efforts to do good in the world and aid in all matters that may make the world better and happier.

Comrade Brooks then reported a number of the camp in need of substantial help. It was suggested that the church and the citizenship of the town could be depended upon to go to his relief but a sentiment prevailed that the camp would act now and the small company made up a purse of \$3.75 and sent it to the distressed comrade.

Mr. Jack Elkins Dead.

Mr. J. L. Elkins of Pular aged about 45 years was brought to Snyder from his home suffering with diabetes. He was taken in the home of Mr. Singleton, so as to be near his physician, but his ailment had gone too far to leave hope of relief. He died at 4:45 Tuesday evening and was buried Wednesday in Snyder cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Rowan.

Mr. Elkins was a good man a member of the Methodist church at Pular. He was a son of Uncle Kin Elkins, one of the oldest and best families in this region. He leaves a wife and three daughters to whom the sympathies of many friends are extended.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT PROBABLE

HARMONIOUS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT—ROUTINE BUSINESS ATTENDED TO.

R. E. COX ELECTED ALDERMAN

Election Held to Fill Vacancy on Board Occasioned by Death of Alderman W. W. Smith.

The City Council met Monday night in regular session.

Present, Mayor Noble; City Marshal Wolfe, City Secretary Anderson, Aldermen: Monroe, Fickas, Higgins, Tolson, Towle and Grayson.

Accounts were allowed as follows: T. L. Bentley, street work, \$9.75; P. E. Bentley, street work, \$4.50; J. W. Green, streetwork, \$16.00; W. A. Jones, sanitary work, \$9.00; Snyder Signal, printing \$7.95; H. W. Nelson, supplies, \$1.95; J. B. Oldham, water works supplies, \$4.50; Oldham and Norwood, labor, \$1.75; Baker, Grayson and Anderson, postage, etc., \$2.00; Snyder Ice and Electric Co. service \$92.45; A. Johnson, V. P. Law, C. C. Patterson, W. J. Chapman and Lee Williams, holding street, \$2.50 each, \$12.50.

Roll call was answered by 215 members.

Mayor and Aldermen then discussed the city's financial condition. City Marshal and Tax Collector, \$100.00 per month.

City Secretary and Treasurer, \$25 per month.

Superintendent of Water Works, \$35 a month.

Aldermen Fickas, Grayson and Towle appointed to co-operate with Marshal Wolfe in issue changing ground and arrange for proper care of same, with provision that handling of garbage be properly attended to.

Upon motion of citizens the ordinance about widening of sidewalks is extended to October 1, 1916.

City Marshal Wolfe was granted leave of absence in absent court at Harpeth. R. M. Smith was appointed to act as Marshal for the time. The council met again Tuesday morning and discussed the returns of the special election and declared R. E. Cox elected Alderman for Ward No. 2.

Mr. Cox was duly sworn in and installed as a member of the City Council.

The Following is Self-Explanatory.

Dallas, January 1, 1916.

Hon. J. Z. Noble, Mayor.

Snyder, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Noble:

I regretted very much to have had to just telegraph you as follows:

"I very greatly regret that pressing public matters incidental to first of year will prevent my presence at your banquet Thursday night. Please express my regret appreciation at meeting and sincere regrets."

You will, I know appreciate the fact that right at the first of the year there accumulates a lot of public matters which must be attended to now, and which cannot be postponed. I had hoped to see some of these things that I might be with you this week, but find it to be impossible.

May I not look forward at some time in the future to being with you? Thanking you again for your kindness, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY D. ANDERLEY.

Mayor.

Cox Elected Alderman.

A special election was held here Monday to elect a member of the City Council to succeed Alderman W. W. Smith, deceased. There was but little interest manifested and only 16 votes were cast.

Of these 16 votes, fifteen were for R. E. Cox, ten for J. C. Maxwell and one for O. F. Darry.

The signal house that Perry Morris has bought the old Thompson hotel property and moved to it. This week, from the Hotel Snyder rooming house, and that Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Truesblood have leased and now occupy the rooming house.

SCHOLASTIC CENSUS WILL SHOW NUMBER REQUIRING CREATION OF OFFICE

REQUIRE 3,000 SCHOLASTICS

Same Ratio of Increase Last Year Will Make Scholastic Population More Than 3,000.

There is now a strong probability that the next scholastic census which will be taken in March will show enough scholastic population to entitle Scurry county to a County Superintendent of Schools, other than the County Judge, who is now ex-officio Superintendent.

The law provides that when the scholastic population is 2,500 or over there shall be a County Superintendent and it is believed that the present enumeration will show more than the required 2,500 children in the county.

There were 2,967 in 1914 and 3,304 in 1915. So that the same ratio of increase would make it more than 3,000 and it is probable that the immigration to the county has been considerably more since last May than in the preceding year and that of itself will put the figures about 3,500. In addition to this fact the law requires the enumeration to include all children between 5 and 18 years—heretofore the maximum age was 15 years. This feature will add nearly ten per cent, so it is practically certain that the office of County Superintendent will be automatically created. Whether or not it will be known after the official count which will be made in March.

Julius Buchanan says it ought to be so far it is too much for the County Judge to have to look after the school affairs in addition to his other duties. The local affairs of Scurry county have grown to such extent as to demand much thoughtful attention and this with Court duties gives the County Judge about all he can do and he ought to be relieved of the work of looking after educational matters.

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Died in New Mexico.

Mrs. Mable B. Wilks, mother of Mrs. J. B. Danaher and Mrs. L. D. Grantham, died last Friday, at Artois, New Mexico, after an illness of only a few hours. The news was wired to the daughters here Friday and the body was brought to Snyder Saturday and was buried Sunday afternoon from the home of Mrs. Danaher. Mrs. M. T. Tucker conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Wilks has lived here with Mrs. Danaher, since the death of her husband, W. J. Wilks, a few years ago.

Just before Christmas she went to Artois for a holiday visit and apparently was in good health. She was stricken with a spell of cramping and lived but a short time.

She was well known here and at Colorado, her former home. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Danaher and Mrs. Grantham and by one son, Scott Green of Colorado. Her other son, Charlie Green, died several years ago.

She was a member of the Baptist church and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

Growing Tobacco.

Mr. R. B. Beach came in a few days ago and presented the Signal with a "hand" of home grown tobacco. He grew it in Snyder from seed obtained from his old Kentucky home. The Signal editor, spent his boyhood days in Kentucky and was brought up to work in the tobacco business in all departments, burning plants, setting the plants, pulling smokers, killing weeds, cutting, hounding, curing, stripping and pricing and even to smoking home-made cigars and in those days he thought he knew the tobacco business pretty well, but Bro. Beach says the growers have changed their methods of handling, till we would have to learn it over.